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Applicant	:	Scott Robertson Bickham, et al.
Filed	:	October 30, 2003
Title	:	DISPERSION COMPENSATING FIBER FOR MODERATE DISPERSION NZDSF AND TRANSMISSION SYSTEM UTILIZING SAME
TC/A.U.	:	2874
Examiner	:	Michael J. Stahl
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of February 24, 2005, please amend the above-identified as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the **Listing of the Claims** which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

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references were carefully considered in preparing the present application (owned by the same Assignee) and none of these references teach or suggest the specific range of optical attributes claimed in the present application. Applicant's also provide herewith US 6,396,987 in replacement for US 6,376,987 (which was a typographical error).

4. New Claim

New claim 21 is added herewith. Claim 21 is dependent on claim 1 and is allowable for at least the reasons given for claim 1 above.

5. Conclusion

Based upon the above amendments, remarks, and papers of records, Applicant believes the pending claims of the above-captioned application are in allowable form and patentable over the prior art of record. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Please charge the fee under 37 CFR §1.16(j) for one dependent claim in excess of 20 to Corning Incorporated Deposit Account No. 03-3325. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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Applicant believes that no extension of time is necessary to make this Reply timely. Should Applicant be in error, Applicant respectfully requests that the Office grant such time extension pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) as necessary to make this Reply timely, and hereby authorizes the Office to charge any necessary fee or surcharge with respect to said time extension to the deposit account of the undersigned firm of attorneys, Deposit Account 03-3325.

Please direct any questions or comments to Randall S Wayland at 607-974-0463.

Respectfully submitted,

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CLAIMS AS FILED - PART I

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FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA
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INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	minus 3 =	*
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT		☐

* If the difference in column 1 is less than zero, enter "0" in column 2

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X100=		OR	X200=	
+180=		OR	+360=	
TOTAL		OR	TOTAL	

CLAIMS AS AMENDED - PART II

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AMENDMENT B

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FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM				☐

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